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1. On 19 July 1952 [redacted] rumors in Bucharest that some 400 children were to be arrested.

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2. On 21 July [redacted] these arrests had already taken place, in some cases, of children from 11 to 17 years of age.

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3. Also on 21 July 1952 [redacted] diplomatic representative with long experience in Bucharest [redacted] 50 students were arrested that weekend.

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5. [redacted] as many as 1,300 children of varying ages have been arrested. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] truck loads of crying children on the outskirts of Bucharest near an unspecified lake where a political prison is located. According to this report older boys were tied back to back.

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Comment: Although there seems to be no doubt that children of all ages have been arrested, their number and the reasons for the arrests are not yet known. [redacted] The reasons for the arrests are conjectured to include poor political upbringing, bourgeois parentage, and pamphleteering or resistance activities. [redacted] the arrests may have been prompted by the desire of the authorities to coerce the children to denounce their parents, and thus draw the bourgeoisie into the open, and demonstrate to the populace through a mass trial the "vigilance of State organs and the working masses in uncovering various activities of the

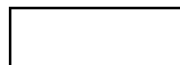
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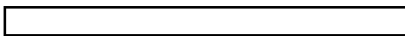
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The latter view is said to be supported  the 25X1
theory that the children are to be held as hostages for good behavior of parents.

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